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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
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TAGS: MOPS, AF, UR
SUBJECT: MUJAHIDIN REPORTEDLY TARGET FACTORY IN SOVIET
TERRITORY

MUJAHIDIN SUBORDINATE TO NORTHERN COUNCIL COMMANDER
MASOOD IN MID-MARCH ATTACKED A MATCH FACTORY IN SOVIET
TADZHIKISTAN, NEAR THE AFGHAN-SOVIET BORDER. THERE WERE
NUMEROUS SOVIET CASUALTIES. (IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS
ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED FROM OUTSIDE OF OR WITHIN SOVIET
TERRITORY.) THE SOVIETS RESPONDED WITH REPRISAL AIR RAIDS
AGAINST THE TALDOAN AREA OF TAKHAR PROVINCE (36°44'N 69°33'E).
THE RAIDS WHICH CONTINUED FOR SEVERAL DAYS CAUSED MANY
CASUALTIES AMONG CIVILIANS IN THE AREA. (SOURCE FOR THIS
REPORT IS A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT WHO RECEIVED THE ACCOUNT FROM
REGULAR AFGHAN CONTACT.)

SEPARATELY, AN AFGHAN SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT
MUJAHIDIN LOYAL TO MASOOD HAVE BEGUN FIRING ORDNANCE INTO
SOVIET TERRITORY ACROSS THE AMU DARYA.

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3. FOR ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI AND PESHAWAR: YOU MAY WISH
TO CONSIDER INCLUDING THE ABOVE IN YOUR BRIEFING OF
JOURNALISTS. WE CONSIDER THE REPORT CREDIBLE AND THE
SOURCING RELIABLE.
44. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. EALUO

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